CHAPTER XII.

Of the ſelecting of Papers laid before the Society, in order for Publication.

I. THE Members of the Council of this Society, for the time being, ſhall conſtitute and be a ſtanding Committee of the ſaid Society, to whom the conſideration of the Publication of ſuch Papers, as ſhall have been read before, or communicated to, them at their weekly meetings, ſhall from time to time be referred; and that the ſaid Committee ſhall meet on the firſt Thurſday of every month, in which the Society ſhall hold their ordinary meeting, or at ſuch times as ſhall be appointed by the Preſident, or in his abſence by one of the Vice-Preſidents; and that due and ſufficient notice of ſuch meeting ſhall be ſent previouſly thereto, to every Member of the ſaid Committee.

II. That no leſs number than ſeven of the Members of the ſaid Committee (of which number the Preſident, or in his abſence a Vice-Preſident, always to be one) ſhall be a *Quorum*, capable of acting in relation to the ſaid Papers.

III. That the majority of the ſaid Committee, preſent at any meeting thereof, ſhall be at liberty to call in to their

aſſiſtance, at that or any other ſubſequent meeting, any other Members of the Society, who are knowing and well ſkilled in any particular branch of Science, that ſhall happen to be the ſubject-matter of any Paper, which ſhall be then to come under their deliberation; and that the perſons ſo called in to aſſiſt, although not Members of the Committee, may give their votes on all Papers to be conſidered at ſuch meeting at which they ſhall be deſired to aſſiſt, in the ſame manner as the Members of the ſaid Committee may do.

IV. That, at every meeting of the Committee, their method of proceeding upon the Papers to be conſidered by them ſhall be thus: the firſt entry in the Journal-book of the Society, relating to any paper, upon which the opinion of the Committee ſhall not have been taken, ſhall be read; and if any Member ſhall ſo deſire, the paper itſelf ſhall be read, but otherwiſe only the minute relating thereto: after which the queſtion ſhall be put, whether that paper ſhall be printed in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*; unleſs the majority of the Committee ſhall be of opinion for adjourning the conſideration of it to a ſubſequent meeting: and the queſtion ſhall always be decided by ballot, which ſhall be taken and deemed to be carried or loſt, according as the greater number of balls ſhall be in the white or black drawer of the box: but if upon any queſtion the number of the balls ſhall be equal in each drawer of the box, the further conſideration of the queſtion ſhall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee; and a minute ſhall be made for the taking that queſtion into conſideration, at the next meeting of the Committee, before any other buſineſs ſhall be entered upon; and the

the next entry in the Journal-book of the Society ſhall be proceeded upon in like manner; and after the queſtion ſhall have been decided as to that, the ſeveral others ſhall be proceeded upon, according to the order in which they reſpectively ſtand in the ſaid Journal-book of the Society: and that, when at the ſecond balloting upon the ſame queſtion there ſhall ſtill be an equality of votes, it ſhall be determined in the negative.

V. That whenſoever it ſhall appear by the ballot to be the ſenſe of the Committee, that any Paper ſhall be made public in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, an entry thereof ſhall be made in the Minute-book of the ſaid Committee.